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(54) ANTIAGING AGENT

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an antiaging agent for skin capable of retaining the tensity and elasticity of the skin and maintaining a youthful state of the skin by including a plant extract capable of manifesting inhibiting actions on an elastase and glutathione therein.

SOLUTION: This antiaging agent is obtained by including a plant extract capable of manifesting inhibiting actions on an elastase (preferably one or more kinds of extracts selected from *Sophora flavescens* Aiton, *Uncaria gambir* Roxb., *Syzygium aromaticum* Merrill et Perry, *Saxifraga stolonifera* Meerburg, *Humulus lupulus* Linne,

Rosmarinus officinalis Linne, *Lithospermum erythrorhizon* Siedold et Zuccarini, *Hypericum Perforatum* Linne, *Hypericum erectum* Thunberg and *Thea sinensis* O. Kuntze) and glutathione. The amount of the formulated plant extracts based on the antiaging agent is preferably 0.001-5.0 wt.% and the amount of the formulated glutathione based on the antiaging agent is preferably 0.0005-10.0 wt.%. The antiaging agent can be formulated with a beautifying and whitening agent, a humectant, an antioxidant, etc. Furthermore, the antiaging agent can preferably be applied to a cosmetic and a dosage form such as an aqueous solution system, a solubilized system or an emulsion system can be assumed.

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